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Than sayd howleglas I wyll go fetche you a candle
and se how it is with you, & as he rose he let a greate
farte. Than sayd ꝑ doctour alas I die. But he than-
ked God that Howleglas was gone: that he myght
haue some ayze. Than began the day to apere, and so
departed howleglas his way. And than looked the
doctour by the beddes syde: and there founde the pot
of durt that stanke so, and than toke he it and cast it a-
way, and thā knew he wel that he was mocked. And
within a while came the byshop & his nobles to viset
the doctour, and whan thei came to his chamber thei
axed him how he fared: and he aunswered and sayde
neuer worse. For I am almoste dead. Than he tolde
the byshop how the maister of phisike had serued him
and than began the bishop to laugh & all his lordes.
And said this cometh to passe all after your wordes.
For ye sayd that fooles wold haue cōuersacion with
fooles: and geue foolish reasons, and wise men wold
haue cōuersacion with wise mē: & geue wise reasons.
But I see that many wise: be made fooles of fooles,
and so be you. For if that ye wold haue suffered how
leglas, & said nothing: ye had not be mocked of him.
For the phisicion that was with you, was howleglas
and that we al know wel ynough. But in no wise we
wold shew you, for because ye were so wise, ꝑ ye shold
be begiled of a foole. For there is no mā that is wise:
but he must know fooles, for where no fooles be, how
shold mē know wise folke: And than ꝑ doctour helde
his peace & spake no more, and than neuer after durst
he complayne more of fooles, but let them do all that
they would after their owne mynde.

Thow Howleglas made a sicke childe shite that afore could not shyte, and howe he gat great worshyp therof and prayse.

MEn let alone, and take no hede of cunning mē ẏ dwell by thē, but profre thē a litle or nought for their labour, nor be beloued: but rurall persones, and vacabundes haue all their desyre. As it is doone to howleglas, that came into the lande of Hildeshe, in a lodging where the good man was not at home, but howleglas was welcome to the good wife of the house. In the house there was a sick child lying by the fire. And than howleglas seing the child lie so: he asked his hostise what sicknes that child had? Thā answered the woman to howleglas and said, if the child myght go to the draught, he should do well ynough. And than answered howleglas therto, knowe you no remedye, and than aunswered the woman? Can ye helpe the child? & ye can, I shall geue you that ye shal be pleased therw. Than answered howleglas, that is but a litle thyng to doe, nor no cunning. For I wyll take nothyng therfore. And so departed the wife into the garden, and in the meane while, did Howleglas shite a great turd, and than set he the shiting chaire ouer the turde, and set the child theron, as though the child had done it. Than came the woman oute of the garden, & asked who had done ẏ. And than answered Howleglas: I haue done it. Ye said ẏ the chyld could not go to the draught, therfore I haue set the child in the chaire. Than tooke the woman the child away, & sawe so muche durt vnderneth. Thā said she to howleglas, this is it that hath hindered the child so long, for this great cure; ye must haue great thanke therof.

Than

Than said Howleglas suche maistery can I do with lesse cost. Than sayd the woman I praye you learne me that cunning, and I wil geue you therfore what you wil haue. Than said Howleglas. I must nedes departe from hence, but whan I come agayn I wyll learne you that science and cunning. And than went he into the stable, and sadeled his horse, and toke hys leue, and so departed from thence. But he taught not his hostise that science, but so departed.

How Howleglas made hole al the sicke folke, that wer in the hospital, where the spere of our lord is.

Upon a tyme Howleglas came to Northeborough, and he set vpon the churche doores, & vpon the Guylde hall, and in euery place that all the people in ẏ towne might knowe that he was a great maister of phisicke. That al sicke he could make hole. And than the maister of the spytle house, where the spere of our lorde is, hadde many sicke folkes in his house, than went the maister of the hospital, to Howleglas & asked him, if he could helpe sicke mē, or lame men, & make them hole: & he wold rewarde him after his owne pleasure. Thā answered Howleglas to the maister of ẏ hospital, wil ye geue me. CC. golde gildens, and I shal recouer, & make thē hole of all their sicknes & diseases, and wyl haue no money tyl all the sicke persons be deliuered out of the hospitall. These wordes pleased the maister of the hospitall very well. And he gaue him some money in his hand. Upon the morow after came howleglas to ẏ hospital with two men after him, & than he asked the sicke folke, one after the other, what disease they had, and whan he had asked them all, than he made the swere vpon a booke

ẏ they shold kepe his counsaile what so euer he sayed to thē. They answered that they wold. Than sayde Howleglas to them, I haue vndertakē to make you all hole, which is vnpossible, but I must nedes bren one of you all to pouder. And than must I take the pouder of him: & giue al the other to drinke therof, wt other medicines, ẏ I shall minister thereto. And he ẏ is the last, whā I shall cal you out of the hospitall, & he that can not go: shalbe he ẏ shalbe brenned. For on wednesday next cōming, than shal I come before the maister of the hospitall, and than shall I cal: and he that slepeth, lōgest shal pay for al. Than prepared euery one of ẏ sicke folke there crutchis, & gere ẏ they wold not be the last. And whā Howleglas was cōe to the maisters of ẏ hospitall: thā called he thē, & thā thei ran out of the hospitall, & som of them had not ben out of there bed in. x. yere before. Than whā the sicke folke wer out of the hospital: than asked he hys monye, & thā the master gaue it him & than he departed, And within. iii. dayes after cam againe ẏ poore men to the hospital: & complained on their sicknes, & than the master of the hospital said to them, how cōmeth this to passe? I gaue ẏ maister of ph: sicke a gret sūme of mony to make you hole. Thā answered the pore folke, he hathe deceiued you & vs both, for. iiii. daies past he cam to euery one of vs, & said to vs ẏ he shold cō on wednesdai next cōing & heale vs, but he said he must nedes first bren one of vs, & said that shold be he ẏ whan he shold cal, shold be ẏ last out of his bed, & ẏ pouder of him shold they drinke, and be made hole therwith. Than knewe the maister of the hospitall that he was deceiued and begyled, and thā

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toke the poore folke into the hospitall and put euery one in their bed as they were before, but he dyd al against his will.

¶ Howe that a baker hyred Howleglas to be his seruaunt.

Upon a tyme came howleglas to a Baker for to dwel: and the baker had nede of a seruaũt, and than he hyred Howleglas. In the next morning after must the baker bake: so the nyght before muste howleglas syft the meale without a candle. Than sayd he to his maister, ye must geue me a candle. Thã answered the baker I neuer gaue candle to boult wt, but they did boult in the mone light. Than answered howleglas I am content, than went his maister to bed to slepe. iii. houres, and in the meane whyle, let he the boulting bag out of the windowe in ꝑ mone shine and than began he to boult the flowre vpon the earth in the garden. Thã arose his maister and thought to haue baked, and came to the boultyng house, and thã he sawe that howleglas had boulted the meale in the garden vpon the bare grounde. Than sayde the baker to howleglas what the deuill doest thou thynke ꝑ meale cost no more but scrabynge vpon the earth? Than answered howleglas to his maister. I haue done as ye bad me, for it is boulted in ꝑ mone shyne. Than answered the baker. I bad the ꝑ thou sholdest boult it by the mone shine and then answered Howleglas, so I haue done, for it is syfted in the moone shyne, & without the mone shyne. And than said howleglas. There is not much meale left, but ꝑ we maye take it vp agayne. And then answered the baker it is to late nowe for to bake, for our howre is not mete.

Than answered Howleglas to his maister and sayd I shal help you wel. Your neighbour hath dowe redy made in the kneding trouhe, & I will go fetche that, and put yours in the stede. Thā was the baker much angry, & bad him go to the galowes, & fetche ẏ was vnder it: and than said Howleglas he wold, & thā he departed to ẏ galowes, & whan he came there: he foūd nothing els but a fewe bones, and those he toke vp & brought home wͭ him. And thā said he to his maister I haue brought ẏ that I haue found vnder the galowes, what wil ye do wͭ it? Thā was the baker more angry & said. I shal cōplaine on the, thou hast stolen away the kynges Justice. Thā went he out to ẏ market & howleglas folowed, and thā came the baker to the burges of the towne, and began to cōplayn. And thā came howleglas, and stode by the baker, & therewith was ẏ baker so angry that he wist not what to saye to the burges, and sayde angerly to Howleglas, what wilt thou haue? Thā said howleglas I must nedes se the cōplaynt ẏ ye make on me. Thā aunswered ẏ baker, go out of my sight thou vngracious knaue. Than answered Howleglas to ẏ baker, if I were in thy eies, thā must I nedes passe through thy nosethrilles, whan ẏ shittest thy eies. Thā departed ẏ burges, and knewe well ẏ he mocked. And than shewed howleglas his arse to the baker, and asked him if he could bake such a lofe in his mouth. And than departed he and left the baker standing in the market place.

¶ Howe Howleglas was put in wages with the foster of an halte, foe to watche vpon a toute, to see whan his enemies came, and than for to blowe an horne to warne them therof.

Upon

Upon a tyme ye erle of Anholt, hyred for a trim
wayter howleglas, for he had many enemies
and for that cause must he haue many soldiers in wa
ges that he must geue meate to. But Howleglas
that was in the toppe of the toure, was not of the
meriest, for he was forget. Upon a time came his ene
mis, and fetched away a great flocke of the erles be-
stes, and that sawe howleglas, but he held his peace:
and that was spied and shewed to the earle. And thā
the earle asked hym, why he dyd lye so styll and blewe
not? Than aunswered Howleglas, I did daunce for
my meate. Thā said ye erle wil ye not blow enemies?
Thā answered howleglas, I dare not, the field is so
ful of enemies. For if I shold blowe: they wold come
& slee you at your owne gate. And than the earle was
content and departed. And within a whyle after was
Howleglas again forgotten. And whan the erle was
at dyner, and had great daintes before him: Howle-
glas blew enemies. And by & by the erle & al his sol-
diers rose fro ye table & dressed thē in harnes, and ran
to the gate, but they found no enemies. In the meane
while tooke howleglas as muche meate as he wolde
haue fro the erles table. Than the soldiers & the erle
came in & called howleglas to thē: and the erle asked
him why he blewe enemies, and there were none? the
erle said it was a traiterous dede, and thā he put him
out of office. Than must he nedes run with his fote-
men to fyght with their enemies, than sayde he that
forthinketh me. I wold I wer hēce, but he could not.
Upon a time came enemies, thā wēt the soldiers out
vpon them, and Howleglas was last: and whan they
retourned agayne he was the fyrste in at the gate.

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at the last the erle had knowledge & came to Howleglas, and asked what was the cause that he was the last out and the first in. Than answered howleglas to the erle. Worshipfull lord if it please you, whā your soldiers made good chere: I stode vpon the toure fasting, and therfore I am not so strong as your soldiers be, and that is cause that I am last oute: and the first in. And you will geue me meat ynough as ye do the other, than shal I be the first. Thā answered the erle, thinkest thou that I will kepe the so longe as I haue kepte the, to dooe nothyng but mocke vs in this maner, as ye haue done so often. Than gaue he howleglas leue to departe, wherof he was very glad, for he loued no fighting, and so departed he.

¶ How howleglas wan the kynges foole of Casmery of Poleyn with a great poynt of folyshnes.

The king of Casmer he had with him a certain foole, whiche foole could play vpon the fedle, wherfore the kyng loued hym muche and sette greate pryce by hym. Also the kyng herde oftentymes tell of Howleglas: but he neuer could se him. And on a time it fortuned that houleglas came into the kynges palyce for to aske dwelling, wherof whan that the king wyste that howleglas was come there to dwell: he was very glad therof, and tooke him in, & made him goodly chere. So it fortuned that the kynges foole & howleglas could not agree, and that spyed the king well: and thought in his minde what shall I do: and than he made them both to be brought before hym in the hall, and than he sayd to them: whiche of you two cā the most foolishnes. And one of you do that the other wyl not do: I shall geue him newe clothyng, and

xx. ducates & let it be done in my presence before me, and al my lordes in this hall. And thā they answered both to the kyng that they wouldē prepare them, and within a while they came before the kynge and his lordes. And than they began to do many propre conceytes and merye touches of folyshnes, one to the other, wherat ꝓ king & his lordes had good laughter, and good pastyme therat, for to see howe the one laboured for to overcome the other, & to wyn the newe clothes and the twenty ducates. Than thought howleglas this is good for me, Than he thought in his mynde, how he myght do a thing, that the other foole wold not do. And than came he before the kyng & his lordes, and before them all he did chite a great turde. And whan he had done so, he toke a spoone and devided it in the middes with the spone, and whan he had done so, he came to the kinges foole and sayd do thou as I have done, chite here in the myddes, and whan that yt have done, devyde it in the myddes, and take the spone, and take the one half of my turde & eate it, And I shall take the other halfe of thy turd, & eate it. Than answered the kinges foole, yet had I lever thā I woul eate half thy turde, or yet myne owne. I had lever al the dayes of my life go naked. Than gaue the kynge and all the lordes the maistery to howleglas. And they gaue to him the newe clothes and the. xx. ducates. Than tooke he his leave and thanked the kyng, and so departed he from thence.

¶ How the duke of Leuenborough banished howleglas out of his lande.

It befell on a tyme, in the lande of Leuenborough, that howleglas had done a great faute

and an vnhappy touche to the duke: wherfore ꝑ duke bad him that he should go out of his land, and neuer after to come more therein. For if he were founde there euer after that any more: he shold lose his head. And thā departed Howleglas out of the dukes lād, for he durst no longer tary there, for the strayte commaundemēt that the duke had cōmaunded hym. And within a whyle after: it fortuned that howleglasses way lay so that he must passe through the dukes lād, of the whiche he was banyshed, to go to ꝑ place where him lust best. And as he passed through the lād, it fortuned that he spied the duke rydyng towarde hym, so that he could no way passe, but he must nedes se him. Than lyghted Howleglas down from his horse that he rode on: and drewe out his knyfe, and cut the horses throte. And than he turned vp his horses bely, and rypt out all the bowels of his horse, and cast them away. And than he set ꝑ horse with his bely vpwarde, and went and stode therin. And within a whyle after came the duke rydyng by, and as he passed by: one of ꝑ dukes seruauntes spyed him standynge in the horses bely, and he rode to the duke & shewed to hym where that howleglas stode. Thā rode the duke to him, and whan he came to hym: he sayd. Who made the so bold as to enter into my land. Than howleglas said worshipfull lorde I desire you the pardon of my lyfe: for whan I sawe you not far fro me, than put I my selfe in my horse belly. For I haue herd say: that euery mā in his own ground is free, and now I stand in mine owne grounde and not in yours. Than laughed the duke and sayd. I geue the pardon, go out of the dead horse & do as ye were wont to do, and so departed the

duke. And than sayd howleglas to his horse. I thāke the for thou hast saued my lyfe, and caused the duke to geue me pardon. And so departed howleglas.

How howleglas toke vpon him to be a painter. &c.

Than it fortuned ỹ howleglas might no longer tary in the land of Sassē for his knauishnesse thā departed he into ỹ land of Hessen to March bozoughe to the erle, and he asked howleglas what occupacion he was of e than aunswered Howleglas, worshypfull lord I am a painter, my cūning doth excell al other, for in no laude is not so cunninge as I. Than answered ỹ erle, haue you here any ensāple of your worke: Than aunswered howlegas to the erle, yes my lorde. Than hadde he been in slaunders, and brought with him dyuers ymages, that pleased the kyng wonderly wel. Thā said the erle to howleglas. Maister what shal I geue to you, to take vpō you to paint vpon the wal in my hal, al ỹ lordes & knightes of my progeny, fro the first vnto the last, in the goodlyest and fayrest maner that ye can, with al ỹ erles of Hessen, and their ladies with them, and how our fore fathers were maried to ladies of straūge lādes. And al this must you cast, that it may be vpon ỹ walles of my hal. Thā answered howleglas to ỹ erle, worshipful lord, if it please you ỹ ye will haue al this, that you haue reherled to me to be paynted so costly & rychely as you speake of, than wold it cost (onely the colours that shold long thereto) aboue. iii. C. golde gyldens. Than answered the erle Howleglas and saide, make it wel, and in the best maner ỹ ye can, and we twaine shall agree after the best manner. And also I shall doo you a greater pleasure than all that commethe

to. And than tooke howleglas the worke vpon hym, but he sayd to the lord, that he must nedes haue an. C. gyldens in earnest, to by the colours ꝓ belonged therto, and for his mens wages. And than bad ꝓ erle, the rent maister geue to howleglas an. C. gildens, and so he dyd. Than went howleglas and gate hym thre felowes, and than he came againe to the erle, & asked him a boone before he begā to worke, & ꝓ erle graūted hym: and than he did aske of the erle, that there should no persone be so hardy to come into the hal to trouble hym and his workemen, without they aske vp hym lycence. And the erle graūted his desire: and than went howleglas into the hal with his seruauntes, & whan he and they were in the hal: howleglas set a payre of tables before them, and he bad thē playe, but he made them before to sweare that they shoulde not bewraye hym: and the felowes had good passtime, wherewith they were well content, & glad that they myght haue meate, drynke, and clothe, and do no other thyng but playe & passe the time in that maner. And howleglas dyd no other thyng, but hanged a whyte clothe before the wall. That done he came and plaied with his seruauntes. In the meane time longed the erle gretly to see his worke, if it were so goodly as the coppy was, and to se if the colours were good, and so he departed & came to howleglas & sayde: Good maister paintr, I pray you let me go with you to se your worke. Thā sayd howleglas to the lord. Worshipful lorde before ꝓ you see my worke, I must shew to you one thing. He the whiche is not borne in wedlocke, maye not see my paynting. Than sayd the erle that were a merueilleus thinge. And than wente he with Howleglas into the

hall.

hall, and there had he hanged vp a whyte clothe, ꝑ he should haue paynted. And he had in his hand a white rod and he did away the cloth ꝑ hanged vpō the wal, and poincted vpon the wall, with his whyte rod, and shewed the erle that that was the first lord of ꝑ land, and erle of Hessen. And this is a erle of Rome, he had a wyfe that they called Justine, the Dukes daughter of Beren. And after he was made Emperour. And of ꝑ doughter of him came Adolphꝰ. And of Adolphus, came William the swarte. And this William had one Lewis, & so forth to your noble grace, And I knowe well, that there is no persons liuing, that can reproue my worke: so curiously haue I made, and with fayre colours, but the lord saw no worde but the plain wal Thā thought he in his minde am I a bastard: is my mother a hore: I se nothyng but the whyte wal. And for because that he wold not be knowen for a bastard he said to howleglas. Maister youre worke pleaseth me meruaylously wel, but my vnderstandyng is very small therin. And with that he went out of the hall & came to his wife, & she asked him how that worke did please him: he said: I haue shewed trust in him. Thā said the erle: I like it wel. Shall it please you to loke theron: and she graunted. And than she desired howleglas ꝑ she might see his worke, and he graūted her. And thā he said vnto her secretly, as he had said before to the lord, and shewed her the lordes vpon the wall, with the whyte rod in his hand, as he did to the lorde. And there stode one folish gentilwomā with the lady and she sayd, ꝑ she sawe no paynting on the wal, & the other spake not one worde. And thā thought Howleglas will this foole tell truth: than must I nedes de-

part. Than hanged he vp the whyte clothe, and so departed the lady. And whan she was come to her lord, he asked her how she liked the worke. She sayd, how ẏ it liketh me, it liketh not my foolish gentlewoman: and she said that some of her gentlewomen sayde ẏ it was but deceite, and so thought the lorde: than sayde ẏ lord to howleglas, ẏ he shold make redy his worke that he and his lordes might see it to morow, that he might know which of thē were borne in wedlocke, & which wer not, for he that is not borne in wedlocke: all his lande is forfet to me. Than answered Howleglas: I wil do it with a good will. Than went he to the rent maister, & receiued of him a. C. gold gildens. And whan he had receiued the money: he sayd to his seruauntes. Nowe must we all departe, and he gaue them money, of the whiche they were content, & so departed. Than on the morowe came the erle, with his lordes into the hall, and they asked where the maister paynter was and his company: for he sayd he would se the worke. Than turned he vp the clothe and asked them and they sawe any worke, and they sayde nay. Than sayd the erle, we be deceyued. He sayd we haue sore longed to see howleglas: & now he hath begyled vs, but it maketh no great matter for the mony. But let vs banyshe him fro our land, for a begyler of people, & so they did. And so departed ẏ erle w his lordes

¶ How Howleglas had many & great disputations with all the noble doctours of Pragē in Bemen.

Than departed howleglas fro the land of Hessen & than came he to Pragē in Bemē, where was a vniuersite of scolers & studentes, of doctours and bachelers. Than made howleglas billes and set

them

them vp on euery churche doze, and he wrote that he wold aunswere to all maner of questions, that were layde vnto him: and geue answere therto. And as he had set vp the billes, than came th escolars of the vniuersitie and red them. And whan they had red them and founde therin that he should geue an answere to all ꝑ was asked hym, than toke they a bill & went to the rectour and shewed him that there was one come that had set vp these letters vpon the churche dozes. And he sayth therin that he wil geue answer to al maner of questions that were put to him. Than the rectour hearyng this, sente a scolar to the place where howleglas was lodged. And charged the hoste of the house ꝑ he shold to morowe bryng with him the man that had set vp the billes, vpon payne that should fall therafter. And than the hoste aunswered he woulde. Than departed the scolar home. Than on the morow came howleglas & his hooste to the vniuersitie with .ii. or .iii. of his neighbours, and whē they were come: thā was howleglas taken by the arme, and set in a chaire. And thā came ꝑ rectour with many doctours, and scortly they were set about hym. Than asked he him how many gallons of water was in ꝑ sea? Thā answered howleglas. Do stop al the ryuers that run therin, and than I shal mete it, and than shal I shew you how many ther be. Thā thought the rectour that was impossible to do, but he was cōtent with the answere. Thā asked he howleglas the second aunswer. How many dayes be paſt since Adam, to this tymes and thā answered howleglas to ꝑ rectour it is. viii. dayes paſt and more. For whā the weeke is done thā begynneth agayne the nexte weke, vii. other dayes.

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and so forth to the ende of the worlde. Than sayde the rectour tel me now the thyrde answere. And Howleglas bad him say what he would. Than asked the rectour him, where was the myddle of all the worlde. And than answered howleglas to the rectour, that is here in the myddes of this house, for & you beleue not me, than take a corde and mete it, and if it lacke a strawe brede: than wyl I be counted for an vnlearned mā. And than the rectour had leuer geue him the maistry than he would mete it. But than he wexed angry and asked him how far is the earth frō heauen. Than answered howleglas that is here by, for let men syng neuer so softly here, but it is herde in heauen. And ye will not me beleue, thā take a ladder & go vp into heauen, and I shal here speake softly, and if ye here it not than wyl I lose the pryce. Than the rectour sayde to howleglas, how wyde is all heauen: and howe brode it is. Than answered howleglas to the rectour, and sayd, it is .xii. M. myle brode & a. M. myle wyde, and if ye wyl not me beleue: than must ye take the sunne, & the mone and all the sterres of heauen, and than goo mete them, and if you fynde it not as I say; than wyl I geue the maistry to you, and I wyll be ouercome. Than the rectour and the doctours knewe not what they shoulde saye more to howleglas, but they sayde that he was to subtle for them; and than they gaue to hym the victory and prayse. And thā departed he out of the place, for he was afrayde that they would haue done to him some vnhappynes.

How Howleglas became a pardoner.

As Howleglas was knowen thrōughe all the coūtrey for his vnhappy touches, & begilinges

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that he had done to them; for that he was welcome to no place þ he came to, where he had been much made of before in al his youthe. Than bethought Howleglas in what maner he might get money with lytle labour. Than went Howleglas and gat him a prestes gowne, and dressed him like a scolar. Thā went he in to a certain churchyarde where he found a dead mās head, and than he toke the head vp & made it cleane. And whan it was cleane he bare it to a certein goldsmythe, and bad hym that he shoulde bande the head with syluer bandes, & he sayd that he would contente him, & so he did. And whā it was done he contented þ goldsmyth, & than departed he to a village nere therby where it was the dedication day. And than came he to the parson of the churche & saluted hym, & than he tolde him þ he had a relike, & he prayed the curate that he would do so much for him: þ he wold shew it vnto his parysh, þ they might offer to it. And he sayd to the parson þ he shold haue the one halfe of the offering. And thā the parson moued with couetise: gratified to him, for he was glad to get money. Than tolde he to the people of his parysshe. This man þ here stādeth hath brought a precious relike, he that offereth therto hath great pardon. He shal come into the pulpet, and declare it vnto you. Than went Howleglas into þ pulpet, & than he told þ people of the relike that he had there, and he sayd that the head spake to hym, and that it bad him, that he shold bild a church ouer him, and that the money that the church shold be bilded with, shold be wel gotten. And whā the men and the women should come offer, than said Howleglas to the women. All those that haue made theyr hus-

bādes cuckoldes, shold syt stil & come not to offer, for the head bad me ẏ I should not receiue ẏ offring, and than he came downe out of the pulpet, and whan he was come downe, than came the pore mē & their wyues and offered to the head. And there was not one woman but she offered because that he had sayde so, and he gaue them the blessing with the hed, and there were some that had no money, and they offered their rynges, and some of them offered twyse or thryse, bycause they wold be sene, and they that were gylty presed first. And thus receiued he the offeryng both of the good and of the yll, so that he had got a great some of mony by the saide practise. And whan they had al offered, and that there was no more that came: than sayd he to them. Al ye men and womē that here hath come and offered to this head, be honest and good, & moreouer I charge you, on paine of cursing that ther be not one of you that the other slaunder or backbyte, for if you had not bene good and honest, I should not haue receyued your offering. And whan the pore men of the countrey hearynge Howleglas speake in this maner, they beleued hym. And whan the masse was done, thā came the parson to howleglas & said to him that he should geue to hym halfe of the offeryng. And than deuided Howleglas the offeringe, and gaue the parson a part therof, that the parson was wel content therwith. And than departed Howleglas fro the parson, and than the wemen there about were very glad of Howleglas and made muche of hym. So abyd he long with them, and spent none of his money, in suche maner could he cloke, and hyde his vnhappinesse and falseuesse.

¶ Howe

¶ Howe Howleglas came to the towne of Banberche, and howe he did eate for money.

Upon a time came howleglas from Norenborough to Banberche, where he entreth into a lodging, where was a mery hostise, she bad Howleglas oftentimes welcome, for she saw by his clothing that he was a mery gest. And as dyner time came the hostise asked him, if that he wold go to dyner, and she asked him also if it pleased him to be at the twelue penye table. Than answered Howleglas and sayde, to his hostise, I am but a pore mā. I pray you for gods sake to geue me my dynner. Than sayde the hostise, the baker and the butcher, wyll not be so payde. And therfore must I haise money, for there is none in my house, but they eate & drinke al for money. Than answered Howleglas. For money do men eate & drinke in good faith so will I. Than answered the woman to him. What table wil you be at: for at the lordes table thet geue me no lesse than .li. shillinges, and at the marchauntes table .xvi. pence, and my houshold seruauntes geue me twelue pence. Than answered howleglas to his hostyse. Sythe I must nedes eate and pay money, thā geue me ẏ best mete ẏ you haue. And thā he set him down at the lordes table. And than his hostise brought to the table, the best meate & drinke ẏ she had, and she bad him make good chere, she said oft much good do it you gētle sir. And howleglas thāked his hostise many times. He eat & drank & made hi wel at ease. And he eat so much of ẏ good meate ẏ he swet again. Whan ẏ he had made him wel at ease, & eaten and drunken al that he would, than bad he his hostise to auoyde the table, for he sayde he muste departe

from thence. And right shortly at his cõmaundement the table was auoyded. And so he arose and stode by the fyre, and whan he was throw warme: he toke his leue with his hostise, and wolde haue departed. That seing the hostise: toke him by the sleue, and bad him to geue her .ii. shyllinges for his dyner. Than answered he god thake you, for you haue remẽbred me. I muste haue two shyllinges of you. For you sayd to me, that there came no maner of persons within youre house, but that they eate for mony. And whan you had told me that: I sat me downe & said, I wolde do the same And I eate so muche that I swete againe, & therefor you muste gyue mony. Than said his hostise, muste I geue ỹ mony to eate my meate & drink my drink: such gestes I may haue great plentye. Way me my mony shortly for ỹ bakers & brewers wyl not be so answered Than answered Howleglas to his hostise. Geue me my mony, for thynkest thou that I wil eate so much, and labour my selfe so sore as I did, not to be payde for my labour: yet I had muche leuer, neuer to haue sene the nor thy house, for I haue eaten so muche for mony, that my belp is lyke to burst. wold you that I shold haue such great labour, & not to be payed therefore: I haue other thynges to do, than to stande chatting here with the: and therefore come of lightly and geue me my mony, and let me bege, for I haue right well deserued it. Than sayd his hostise to hym. Syr you haue eaten my meate, and dronken my drinke, and by my fyre you haue hadde your ease, and all at youre owne despyse, wherfore I pray you to gyue me mony. And he answered right angerly. Wold thou haue me to pay mony, and I did eate therfore, the whiche is to

my great harme: Than she answered to Howleglas, if your eatinge do you harme: I am not ẏ causer ther of, but your eating is to my losse, not onely ẏ, I haue lost more than that cometh to. And than she saide departe ẏ fro my house, and neuer after this: that thou be so bolde once to enter within my dores. Than said Howleglas, wil you on youre consience take my labour for nothing: well fare well. And than departed Howleglas, & he was glad ẏ he had so scaped fro her, and she was glad that she was so deliuered of hym.

¶ How Howleglas wente to Rome to speke with the Pope.

Than whā Howleglas had long occupyed his falsnes: than he remēbred his olde prouerbe. I will to Rome my maners to amende: and home agayn my lyfe to end. And than departed he to Rome where he shewed parte of his vngraciousnes, & whan he came to Rome, he lodged with a wedowe, and the wydowe dyd ofte behold hym in the face, and bycause he was a fayre yong man: she sayd oftētimes, syr you be ryght welcome. Good Syr she sayde: from whence be you: I am of Sassō: and my coming hither is for to spekae with the pope. Than answered she to Howleglas good frende ye may se hym: but you shall not speake to him. For I ẏ am borne in Rome, wold haue geuen an. C. dukcates to speake to hym, but I coulde neuer speake to him. Than said Howleglas. Hostise wil you geue an. C. dukcates: and I shal bringe you to the speche of the pope: And she sware to him by her fayth she wolde, for otherwise, it wolde cost her more in gyftes. Than on a time sholde the pope sing masse his owne person, at saynt Johan Lateraū. For euery

iiii. weekds must sing masse there. And as the peope was at masse than Howleglas drewe nere to the alter. And whan the peope was at the holye sacrament than tourned Howleglas his backe to the alter. And that seyng al the cardinalles: whan masse was done, they came to the peope, and they tolde to his grace, that there stode a fayre yong man, al ẏ while that ye wer at masse, and herde it deuoutly tyll the tyme of the leuacion. And whan that you lyfted vp the chalyce aboue your head: than tourned he his backe toward the sacrament of the alter. Than said the pope that is a thinge to be loked on: for it is great double whither that man beleue wel or not. And therfore it is nedefull for vs to sende for that man: & to examin him what errour it was ẏ he held. The cardinalles answered, that wer the best. Than the pope sende for Howleglas to his Inne: and the messenger brought him to the pope. And whan he came be fore the pope, & the cardinalles: they began straitly to examin him and they asked of him, what was his belefe. Than answered Howleglas to ẏ pope. I beleue as a true christen man ought to beleue. And I beleue in Iesu christ & I beleue in ẏ, ẏ our holy mother ẏ church doth teche me, and I beleue as my good hostise doth beleue, and he named her befor the pope and all that nobele, congregaciō. And thā sent ẏ pope a messēger, to ẏ Inne, where ẏ Howleglas was ledged, & whan he was there, he cam to ẏ hostise and bad her that she sholde make her redy for she must nedes go with him to ẏ pope wherof she had great meruaile, and made her redy and so went with him to the pope. And whā she was come before the pope: he asked her what her

belefe

beleue was. And she answered to the pope. Reuerende father, I beleue as a true christen woman shold doe. For I beleue as the holy churche beleues, and also I beleue in al that the holy churche byndes me to. Tha said Howleglas the same beleue I. Than the pope asked hym, why he tourned his backe to the holy sacrament, whan he did minister it? Than sayde Howleglas to the pope. Reuerend father in God, I thought in my mynde, whan that you lyft vp the blissed sacrament, that I was not worthy it to beholde, nor there on to looke; tyl the tyme that I was confessed, & made clene of all my synnes. And than was the pope with that answere meruaylously well contented and pleased. And after that the pope bad him that he shold cõfesse him of his synnes, and to make him clene therof, and that sayd: he gaue his benediction to Howleglas and his hostise, & so they twayne departed. And shortly after departed the pope with all his cardinalles in to the palyce, and so Howleglas was quyte thereof. And than said howleglas to his hostise, I must haue my. C. ducates that I haue erned. And than the woman gaue him the. C. ducates, wherof he was glad and he sayde to hym selfe, that he was the better for that Journey to Rome.

¶ How Howleglas deceyued the Iewes with durte.

WHan Howleglas the greate deceiuer had bene at Rome: than came he to the town of Franke forde, where a marte or a greate market was kepte. And as Howleglas went about the market: he spyed a ponge man goo with muske of Alexander to sell, that why the was well solde, and muche sette by.

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Than sayd Howleglas to his selfe. I will goo with some marchandise for to sell, as wel as that yonge man doth. And he thought in his mind how he might find some practise to get mony without labour. Thā thought he in his minde, euery night what was best to do, for ỳ flene did bite him: ỳ he coulde not slepe. And he wolde right gladly haue taken them: but he could not. And whan that the day begā to spring, he arose and walked forth, and as he walked: thā spied he by the way a fayr fyg tree, the which bare goodly fruite, And than wēt he and gathered two or thre of them: and than he sayd to him selfe, this is good for my marchaundise, and brought them with him in to Frankforth in Portingale, to ỳ place where he was lodged and he dressed thē after his minde. And whā he had dressed them: he put them in his arse, and tempered them with his durte, and let them lye there by hym, by the space of .ii. or .iii. dayes, that they should not smell to muche of durt. And in a morninge by tymes, he arose out of his bed, and went to his hoste and hyred a lytele tabele, and thā he went into ỳ market, and bought .ii. or .iii. sylken clothes, and there in a house, he trussed these portingales fygges, that had lyen so long in his arse: with the silkē clothes, lyke as it had ben the muste. Thā toke he his table and went into the markette, and set vp hys table, And whan it was vp: than shewed he the portyngale fygges, that he had made lyke as it had ben muste. Thā cam there manye marchauntes of diueres landes to him, and they asked him what marchaundise he had to sel: and he stode styl and gaue none of them no answer, wher of thy marueyled, and so departed. And at the last: ther

there came to hym, two Jewes, and they asked hym what marchaundise he had there to sele: and than answered Howleglas to them, and said. This is a precious thing, for al those þ dooe eate of it, or those that smell to it, they shal saye the trouth by and by. Than went the Jewes to cõsaile what was best to be done: Than said the oldest Jewes of them al. We thynke it is best and most expedient for vs to bie þ marchaundise, for than shall we knowe whan that our Messyas shall come. Therefore I counsayle you to bie it, for it shall be to vs a great Jewel and cõforte: & continentlye they wer agreed al, for to bie the marchaundise of Howleglas. And thã thei returned ẅ right great hast vnto Howleglas. And whan they were come: they asked the pryce of one of þ Prophetus that was wrapped in the silke. Than answered Howleglas to the Jewes. Departe fro hence, and let my marchaundise alone, for it is to costly for you to bie: for one of them shall cost you. v. C. golde gildens, and ye wyl haue it. Than answered the Jewes to Howleglas, and sayd. The pryce is al to great for vs. Than said he, þ I told you before, and therefore if you wil not bie it: than departe shortly from hence. And than the Jewes hering Howleglas speake so sharply to them, and made no more count vnto them: than they beleued hym, and cõtinently they gaue to hym, v. C. golde gildens, wythout speakinge of any more wordes, for he spake so angerly, þ they were afrayd to displease hym. And whan they had bought it: they brought it to the principall Jue And they caused hym to aggregate al the Jewes both olde and yonge, whom they were assembled: than was there one stode vpon the scaffolde, that was cal-

led Hyppa. And he sayd that by the myghty of god, they had gotte a Prophetus: and he said he that shold haue it in his mouth shold prsphesie the trouth. And than he sayd to the Jewes. By this Prophetus we shal know whan our Messias shall come. And he commaunded them to fast thre dayes. And than shold Isaac take it in his mouth: and prophecy the truth, and so he did. And as he had it in his mouth, one ꝑ hight Waylayes, and an other Isaac that were the seruantes of god, they asked hym howe it sauoured: and he answered I am inspired with the holy ghoste, to prophecy the truthe. There must be an other of gods seruauntes to haue it in his mouth, and so they did, whā he had tasted therof he sayde: I am inspyred with the holy ghost. I shal tel you the truthe, we be al begiled, for it is no other thyng but a tourde, and they tasted and the turde hanged in their tethe, with ꝑ here that he had cut fro his arse, and than they knew well that they were decepued. And forthwith departed Howleglas fro thence, and he went towarde his owne countrey, and made good chere with good felowes homewarde, as long as the mony wold last.

¶ How Howleglas had gotten the persons horse, by his confession.

IN Kesenbrug in that village was a person, ꝑ had a fayre horse, and a propre handmayden which he loued one as the other: thā it fortuned that the duke of Brone swyke on a tyme sawe the horse, and whan ꝑ he had sene the horse, his minde ran so muche on the horse, ꝑ he must nedes haue him. Than upon a tyme came the duke, and desired the horse oftentymes of ꝑ parson, & the parson said him nay. This was the

duke sory because he might not haue the horse, and he durst not take it by force, for he was one of the counsayle of Broneswike. And whā Howleglas herd ẏ the duke desyred the horse, thā said howleglas to ẏ duke, and you wyll rewarde me, I shal get you the parsons horse. Than aunswered ẏ duke to howleglas. I shall geue the my gowne of red chamblet, the one sleue set with pearles. Than sayde Howleglas to the duke, I shall bryng hym I haue no doubt. So departed howleglas, and he came to the Inne, where he was well knowen, & the hoste sayd he was welcome. And howleglas rested there thre dayes, and after that he made hym self sicke. Thā was he brought to bed sicke, that the parson of the towne & his mayde were so heuy, & knew not how to do nor him to helpe. And than begā he to waxe sicker & sicker. And than said the parson to Howleglas. I counsaile you to be shreuen, & to take your ryghtes of the holy churche, as it belongeth to a true christen mā. And whan Howleglas herde ẏ parson speke to him. Than sayde Howleglas to the parson. I desyre you hartfully to be cōfessed, for I knowe my selfe giltie, and a great sinner. Thā the parson examined hym vnder confession ryght busylye, he bad him to remember that he had a soule for to keepe, and he preached and teached to him the vse of confession. And than shewed Howleglas to hym, parte of hys mynde. And at the last whan he spake no more: than asked ẏ parson of Howleglas, if that he had no more synnes in his mynde, that were great and abhominable, that he was ashamed to shewe. Than aunswered Howleglas to the parson yes. I haue one more and that I dare not confesse me of to you, and therefore

you must fetche me an other preest, for if I shold shewe it vnto you: than would you be angry and out of pacience. Than answered the parson to Howleglas and sayd. The way is far from this place and very foule: Moreouer if it fortuned you in the meane whyle, to dye: than were we both in great perill & daunger. And therfore tel me that synne, & I shall absolue the therof, be it neuer so great & abhominable. And if I were angry wt you, yet you knowe I must kepe your counsaile. And if it be any thyng that longes to me: I forgeue you freely, and therfore tel it me, than longed he more than euer he did. Than saide Howleglas to the preest. I know wel that you wil be angry, but I fele me so sore sicke, that I wene that I shal dye, and therfore I shal shewe it to you quickly. And than he said. I haue lyen by your mayde your seruaunt. Than asked he how often haue ye lyen by her? And than sayd Howleglas, no more than fyue tymes. And than the preest thought in his mynde, therfore the deuil breake thy necke, and he gaue him absolucion shortly, & forth with he departed fro Howleglas home to his house. And whan he came home, he called his maide to him, and asked her if she had lyen by hym? And the mayde answered to hym and said, that did I neuer. Thā answered the preest ꝑ liest. For vnder confession he hath tolde me ꝑ he hath lyen by the, more than fyue times. And than the mayde said nay, and the preest yes. And than the preest toke a staffe in his hand and he bet his mayde therwith, that she was both black and blewe. And howleglas lay in his bed and laughed, and sayd to himselfe. Now weneth the preest to wyn his thonk agayne of the mayde. And in ꝑ morning wexed how-

leglas hole, and arose and sayd it was well amended with hym. And he asked his hostise & the priest, what he had spende in his sickenes? And than rekened the priest he knewe not what, for he was so angry in hys mynde, and the mayde also, for she was beate for his sake. And than sayd howleglas. Tel me what is my duty to pay? And ẏ priest answered not a worde. And than sayd howleglas to him. Remēbre you not maister parson that you haue disclosed my confession? I shal ryde to Hauerstade to the byshop, and I shal cōplayne on you, that you discryed my confession, that I confessed me vnto you. Whan the priest herd howleglas speke after that maner: than forgot his anger, and fell on his knees before hym, for he thought that he was in more daunger thā euer he was before. And than he sayd to howleglas, if that you will kepe your peace and make no more wordes hereof: I shall geue to you. xx. golde gildens, and I shall do as muche for you as lyes in me for to be done. Than made Howleglas hymselfe very angry with the parson, and sayde vnto hym. If ẏ you wold geue me an. C. gold gyldēs that I should not shewe: I will not take them for my gowne. Than the priest praied the mayde with weping teres, that she wold go to howleglas, and to entreate him, that he should not go to shewe the byshop, and byd him aske what he wyll, and he shall haue it. Than went the mayde to howleglas, and she shewed hym what the priest said. And than came Howleglas to the priest and sayd. Wil you geue to me your horse that you loue so wel, and than shal I kepe your counselle? and I tel you plainly, I wil haue no other thing than that onely. And than the priest was more sorrer

ryer than euer he was. And he saide to Howleglas, ꝑ he wold geue to him as much money as he wold desyre, and not to aske his horse. Than said Howleglas I wil haue none other thing but onely the horse. And than the parson badde leuer loose his horse, than he wold haue the byshop to know. Than gaue he ꝑ horse to howleglas with ill will. And than whan Howleglas had the horse, than he departed fro the parson, & was very glad. And than he came towarde the duke. And whan he was come there, the duke spyed Howleglas and the parsons horse, than was he verye glad. And than brought Howleglas the horse to him, wherof he was very glad, and than gaue he the gowne of red chamblet to Howleglas, & he thanked him gretlye for that gyft and laughed, and the priest was very angry for the losse of his horse, and oftentymes he bet his mayden therfore, for he sayd she was the cause therof. And he bet his mayde so oft, that at the last she ranne from hym, and so he lost both his horse and the mayde. And the priest lowred on howleglas euer after, that loued him so well before.

¶ How Howleglas was hyred of a blacke smyth.

AT Eckland in Kosticke dwelled a smyth ꝑ hyred Howleglas for his man, and whē he was hyred: he put hym to the belows to blowe. And whan he blewe not well, than toke the smyth the belowes in his hande and blewe, and sayde felowe do thus. Here the belowes byryght & than he gaue the belowes to Howleglas agayne. Than went the smith forth with in to the garden, and than toke Howleglas the belowes on his necke, and folowed after his maister with the into the garden where his maister was a shitting. And than saide Howleglas to his maister, where shal

I leue this belowes þ I may go fetche the other vnto you. Than answered his maister and said, good man what meanest thou, art þ not well in thy minde? Goo take the belowes and bere them where thou had thē, he spake fayre to Howleglas, and ryght loth he was to displease hym. For euery nyght by the space of .viii. dayes longe, he called vp euery nyght his seruauntes at mydnight for to worke, whereof they meruayled what he ment, for they were very angry therewith: and one sayd to the other, I thinke our maister is not wel in his minde, þ he ryses euery nyght at midnight to worke, he was not wont so for to do in tymes past: and as they wer speaking of this rising together, thā said Howleglas to his felowes and asked thē if that they wold be wel content with him, and if he asked of his maister, what was the cause, that he dyd cal them vp euery nyght at mydnyght to worke? And than answered the seruauntes, we wyll not be displeased therwith, but ryght glad therof, and well content therewith, and than sayd howleglas to the seruauntes. I wyll go to hym. And forthwith spake Howleglas to his maister and sayd to hym. Wherefore doe ye wake vs euery nyght at mydnyght out of our slepe. Than answered the smyth and sayde. That is my maner, that my men the first .viii. dayes suffer I not them to slepe but halfe the nyght. Than held howleglas his peace, and all his felowes, and sayde no more wordes, and the next nyght the smyth called his men at mydnyght to worke. And Howleglas than tooke the bed and bare it on his backe, and whan the yron was hote: the maister bet it so harde, that þ sperkes flewe on the bedde of howleglas. Than sayde his maister

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will not that vngracious felow arise: Thā cam Howleglas with his bed on his back. And whan the maister sawe the bed on his backe, he sayd, what wylt ꝺ do with the bed: Bere it into ꝺ place where thou had it. Than answered Howleglas to his maister, be ye not angry with me: for this is my maner euer. For whan ꝺ I haue slept the on halfe of the nyght: than bere I the bed on mi backe, the other halfe of ꝺ night Than began the smyth to ware angry, and said. Go bere ꝺ bed where thou had it, and thā go thou aboue out of my house. Than answered Howleglas, and said, Master with a good will. And than he bare the bed vp vnto ꝺ place wher it was before. Than whan he had bozen ꝺ bed in his place; than toke he a ladze, and clymed vp to the house top, and there he brake a great hole in the house top, and pulled away ꝺ thacking therof, and he passed thzough and went ouer the house, and so went his way from thence, and neuer came there after. And as the smyth was besye wozking: he herd a great noise about in the chāber and a great knocking. Than asked his seruauntes, who was a boue in the chambze, that made such a noyse? Than answered ꝺ men to theyz maister & said, we knowe not who is aboue. Than said the smyth, thā will I go take. And than left the smyth his wozke, & went vp into the chamber, and whan he was aboue, he sawe all the roofe of ꝺ chamber was pulled down, and also cast all about, than was he angry and wyst not what to do, for he wyst not who had done it. And at the last he loked vp, and spyed the ladze, thā knewe he wel that it was Howleglas dede. Than came he downe and fetched a swozde, and he wolde haue run

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after hym to haue slayne hym. Than the seruauntes seyng their maister taking the swoꝛd they held hym, and asked him what he would do. Than answered he and tolde howe howleglas had done. Thā answered the seruaūtes to their maister. Let him go foꝛ he hath done as you bad him, foꝛ you bad him gooe vpon the house, and so he hath done as ye maye see. And so the smyth was content. And than he caused his house to be newe thatched agayne.

¶ How Howleglas was hyred of a shoemaker.

Upon a time serued howleglas a shoemaker, and vpon a tyme the shoemaker had busines in the towne, and than gaue he to howleglas a hyde of lether, and bad him that he shold cut al ꝓ hide. And howleglas asked him what facion he shold cut them. And the maister saide lytle and greate, as the swyneherde did dꝛyue his bestes. And than saide howleglas with a good wyll. And thē departed the coꝛdiner, and than toke howleglas the hyde, and began to cut the lether foꝛ oxen and shepes fete, and foꝛ swyne. Than came his maister home, and came to see what his seruaunt had cut out, and to loke whether he had cut the lether as he bad hym. And whā that he had sene, that he had cutte out his lether all in bestes clawes, than was he angry & sayd to howleglas: Wherefoꝛe haste thou marred all my lether, and cutte it foꝛ bestes fete. Than answered he to him and sayd. I haue done as ye bad me. The maister sayde to him thou lyest, foꝛ I bad the that thou shouldest not marre my lether. Than answered howleglas to his maister and sayd, I haue done as ye bad me, ye bad me that I should cut bothe great and small, as the swyneherde dꝛyued out hys

beftes, & than haue I done. Than aunſwered the co-
diner to Howleglas and ſayde. I ment not that: I
ment ꝑ ye ſhold haue cut out of the hyde, bothe great
ſhoone and lytle ſhoone. Than aunſwered Howle-
glas to his maiſter. If that ye had tolde me ꝑ before,
I would haue done it with a good will. And I pray
you maiſter forgeue me this, & I ſhal now do it with
a good wil, and than did his maiſter forgeue him for
that time, and than promiſed howleglas to his mai-
ſter that he would do that, that he bad him. Than the
next daye after, cut howleglas maiſter him ſelfe, the
ſhoone out, bothe lytle and greate, and gaue them to
him, and he bad him that he ſhold ſowe ꝑ great with
the ſmall: and howleglas ſayde with a good wyl, and
than tooke howleglas the ſhoone, and put the lytle
ſhoone into the great ſhoone, and ſowed them bothe
together as his maiſter bad hym, and that ſpyed his
maiſter and ſayde. Ye be a good ſeruaunt for ye doo
al thing that I byd you. Than anſwered howleglas
and ſayde. They that do as they be byd: they be wor-
thy to haue thanke. Than ſayd the maiſter, ye do af-
ter my ſaying, and not after my mening. For I mene
that firſt ye ſhold haue ſowed a lytle payre, and after
it great payre. And the maiſter was haſtye, and toke
him other lether & ſaide. Cut me all this lether by one
laſte. And the maiſter thought no more of the falſnes
of Howleglas, and ſo he departed to his chāber, and
whan he was come home, than remembred he what
he had ſayd to Howleglas. Than went he as faſt as
he could toward the ſhop where as Howleglas was,
and or he came there, howleglas had cut all ꝑ lether,
vpon the lytle laſte, all for the lefte fote. Than wan

his maister lawe all his lether cut for the lefte foote, than asked he Howleglas, if there belonged not to the left foote a right foote, and he was very angry with hym. Than sayde Howleglas to his maister. If that ye had talde to me before: I would haue cut them, but and it please you, I shall cut as many ryght shoone vnto them. The maister saide, I bad the cutte the one with the other: and thā answered howleglas. Ye bad me cut all vpon one taske. Than aunswered the shoomaker. If ꝑ I shold kepe you longe: you wold make me so poze, ꝑ I must nedes go a beggyng. But nowe geue me mony for my lether, that thou haste marred me, and departe thou fro me hence. Than aunswered Howleglas to the shoomaker. The hyde of a bul wil make two hydes. And with those woꝛdes he aroſe, & sayd. In this house haue I been, but I wyl not come here agayne, and so departed he fro thence.

¶ Howe Howleglas solde turdes for fat.

AND as Howleglad had destroyed much lether of the shoomaker, wherof the shoomaker was very sozy, and that hearyng Howleglas returned agayne to the towne, and came to his maister, and told hym that he hadde a laste of talowe, and he talde his maister that he shoulde haue it good chepe, for to reſtoze him parte of the harme, that he had done to him before in his lether. And than the shoomaker sayde yf it be good: I praye you let me haue it before an other: and than sayde Howleglas with a good will. And than departed they, and than went Howleglas to the gongferuers, & made hym fil. xii. bareis with turdes for a lytle money, and than tooke he a lytle talowe, and put in the bareis, iiii. ynches thicke, as though it

had been altogether grece, and closed it so close that it could not stinke, for it was in the wynter whan there was a great frost, that the durte was fast frosen to the barell, and the other. vi. barelles he fylled with other talowe or fat, more thycker than the other syxe were, for they were the example of hys marchaundyse. And whan that he had dressed all the barelles, he sende for his maister the showmaker, and he asked him, if that he would come to see the marchaundyse. And he sayd he would. Than within a whyle came the showmaker to Howleglas, and whan he was come there howleglas made the headdes of the best barels to be broken vp. Whan the cordener sawe the barelles they lyked him very well. And than howleglas asked hym howe the barels pleased him, and he aunswered verye well And than asked he the price, and than aunswered howleglas ye shal geue me no more thā. xxiiii. gildēs xii. in hand, & the other. xii. at the yeres ende. And thā was the showmaker content, and thought no deceite, and gaue to him. xii. gyldens in hande. And Howleglas receyued the money, and than departed he. And the cordyner was glad of the bargaine, and thoughte that the forsayde harme that he had done hym, sholde be restored. Indthan he hyred a seruaunt to melt the talowe, and he brought one barell by the fyre, & whan the durt began to waxe hote, and began to smell. Thā sayd the one to the other. I wene some of vs hath beshitten their breche. And than came the maister and bad thē make clene their showne, for one of you hath trod in a tourde, and than they loked about, but they founde nothyng. And than should they haue put one of the barelles in the rauderen, than sawe they well ẏ

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it was the barel that stanke, for it was ful of fourdes. And than they let their worke, and went for to seeke howleglas but he was gone, and so the showemaker must suffer the last losse with the fyrst.

¶ Howe Howleglas serued a tayler.

ON a tyme serued Howleglas a tayler, & the tayler asked him, if þ he could sowe well on clothe þ no man might se the seame. And than sayd Howleglas yes. And than went howleglas and sowed vnder a barell. Than sayd his maister what dorst thou now?, this is meruaylous sowyng. Than aunswered Howleglas, I sowe so close þ no man can see, as you bad me, nor I my selfe se not. Than aunswred his maister good seruaunt I ment not so: I bad the sowe that euery man might see. And than the third nyght, the maister had laboured so sore: that he must nedes slepe. Than cast he to howleglas, a husbande mans gowne, and he bad him take a woulfe and make it vp. And than said Howleglas I shall do it. Than wente he to bed. Than cut Howleglas the husband mannes gowne, and made therof a woulfe with the head and fete. And whan that he had sowed it together than set he it vpon the table with staues. Than in the morning arose his maister & came downe, and whan he sawe the woulfe standyng vpon the table, he was afrayde and asked hym what he had done. And he said maister. I haue made a woulfe as you bad me. Thã sayd the maister. I ment that you should haue made vp the russet gowne, for a husband mans gowne is called here a woulfe. Than answered howleglas. If that I had knowen that before, I would haue done so. For I had leuer haue made a gowne thã a woulfe

And at the last was the maister content. And within iiii. dayes after, watched the master so much that he must nedes gae to slepe. And there was a cote redy made, but it lacked the sleues. Than the maister toke the cote and the sleues and gaue them to Howleglas, and he bad hym ꝓ he should cast on the sleues, and he sayd he would. Than went his maister to bed, & than toke Howleglas the cote & hanged it on a balde, and set on euery syde a candle, and stode vp & cast ꝓ sleues at the cote al ꝓ night long. And than arose the tayler and that spyed Howleglas, & he caste the sleues more faster than euer he did before at the cote. And ꝓ espied wel the tayler, & said what folish touches be those you do there. And thā answered Howleglas very angerli. This is no folish touch, for I haue stand al the night here casting the sleues at the cote, and they wil not abide theron, and now I se it is but lost labour. Than sayd the maister to Howleglas. I tis my faute, for I wende ꝓ ye wold haue vnderstād me better, for I met you should haue sowed on the sleues on the cote. Thā said Howleglas to his mayster. The deuyl take you, for yt ye had said to me before: I might haue sowed on the sleues, and haue gone to slepe. But now mayster go you & sowe al the day longe, & I wil go slepe. And than answered the tayler, haue I hyred you to slepe? And thus began they to chyde. And as they wer thus chiding: the tayler bad him pay for his candels, that he had brenned that night. And than howleglas spake neuer a worde more, but toke al his clothes and went his way and came no more there.

¶ Howe Howleglas through his sottle dysceites, disceiued a wine drawer in Luberke.

On a tyme came Howleglas to Lubeke, where is very strayt Justice, and the while that Howleglas was there abiding: he herd tel of a wine drawer that was in a lordes seller, that was very proude and presumptuous. And it was sayd that there was no man ꝑ coulde discerne him, or passe him in wisdom and there was none of all the lordes that loued him. Than thought Howleglas in his mynde, howe he might discepue him. Than vpon a time toke Howleglas two pottes, one of water, & the other emptie, & he byd the emptye pot that no man sawe it, & he cam to the seller & gaue ꝑ wyne drawer the emptie pot, & bad him fyl the pot with wine, & so he did. And whan it was full he brought it vp to Howleglas, & thā he loked aside, and in ꝑ mene while Howleglas set the pot of water, in ꝑ place of wine, & hid the pot of wine And than asked he ꝑ drawer what he shold pay. And the drawer said. x. miten. Than saide Howleglas the wine is to dere for me, I haue but. viii. myten. Thā was the drawer angry, & sayd wyll ye sette an other pryce on the wyne than the lordes haue set? Thā said Howleglas I haue no more mony, & I shal not haue it so: than toke your wyne agayne for I knewe it not before. Than was the wyne drawen very angry and he toke the pot with the water, & bare it downe into the seller: and poured out the water into the vessell, & he wende it had ben the wine, and came & gaue Howleglas the pot, and said. Make ye me fyll wyne, and ye haue no mony to paye for it: ye wene I bea foole? And than sayde Howleglas ye be beggyled of a foole, and wyth that worde he went his waye wyth the pottes. And thā the drawer mystrusting Howleglas

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for the wordes that he layd, toke a sergeaunt and o-uertoke hym, and serched him, and than they founde that he had two pottes vnder his mantel. Than toke they howleglas & pecked hym for a thefe, & brought him to prison. And than sayd some that he had deserued to be hanged, & some said that it was done for the nonse to detecte the wine drawer, & that was but wel done, for he shold haue seen therto before, for he sayeth dayly that no man shold begile him: but they that loued not Howleglas sayde that he was a thefe, & that he shold be hãged. And thã was howleglas brought before the Iudges, & they gaue sentence þ he shoulde bee hanged, and on the morowe was he brought vnto the galowes for to be hanged, for they that loued him not, woulde fayne haue sene Iustice doone on hym. And there were gathered many of the towne to see Howleglas suffer death. But the lordes of Lubyke were sory for hym for some wende that he coulde dooe witchecraft, that he therby might be delyuered. And as he was led toward the galowes, he lay all styll as though he had been dead. And whan he came vnder þ galowes, than desired he to speke with the lordes, and whan the lordes were come, he fell vpon his knees, & he prayed them that they would graunt hym a bone, and the lordes said. Thou wouldest desyre thy pardõ. Than sayd Howleglas. That would I not aske lyfe nor money, nor it shall not coste you one peny. Than all the lordes of Lubeke went to the other syde of the galowes, and there they layde their heades together, and there they reherced his wordes agayne, and they agreed to graunte him his peticion. That doone they came to him & they bad him aske what he wolde, saue

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lozdes spoke of befoze to be except. And Howleglas thanked the lozdes and sayde. I pzay you that euery one of you geue me your handes therof. And they altogether gaue him their handes, so that all the lozdes had graunted him both with wozd and hande. Than sayd Howleglas to the lozdes. Because I know you be faithfull of your wozdes, I shall shewe to you my bone. And than he said this is my boone. That euery lozd of Luberk do come & kysse my arse, whan that I haue hãged on the galowes by the space of thze daies long, with his mouth in the mozning fasting, and the bozow maysker first, and all the lozdes after in ozdze. Than answered the lozdes to Howleglas and sayd, that his desire was an vnmanerly boone foz to be asked. And than sayd Howleglas tothe lozdes of Lubeke I knowe the counsail of Lubeke, so sure of their pzomise that they will holde that that they haue pzomysed me both with hand and mouthe. Than went the lozdes agains to counsaile. Than sayde the one to the other this thynge that he asketh of vs it is vnlawfully asked, foz it were a greate shame foz vs all, that we that be the greatest lozdes of the town, should come and kysse his arse, better it were foz to gene him his pardon, and let him goo his waye, foz it is but a small faute that he hath doone. Than agreed all the lozdes, and said that it was best foz to doe. Than the lozdes called the sergeauntes, and they badde them to vnbinde Howleglas, and to lette him go at large, foz all they had graunted him his pardon. And than they vnlosed howleglas. And whan Howleglas was at large, he thanked the Lozdes. And than departed he from Lubeke, and neuer came there after.

Howe howleglas became a maker of spectacles, and howe he could finde no worke in no lande where he became.

ON a time the senatours of Rome had great discorde among them selfe, whiche of al the lordes shoulde be Emperour, And at the last was the erle of Supplembrough kyng of Romaynes, & Emperour of Rome, but there were manye other ꝑ looked for it. So whan he was made, he lay vi. weekes long before the towne of Frankefordе, abiding there for all other lordes to torniment, where was a greate companye assembled. And this heryng howleglas, he thought in his minde to go thyther, and so he did. And there he thought to get some gift, and it were no more but the Emperours syluer harnes. And as howleglas passed by Frankefordе, he met with the byshop of Taet, and because that he was clothed auenturelyke, he asked him what he was: than answered howleglas. I am a spectacle maker come out of Braband, and I can finde no worke. Than said the byshop, me thinke your craft shuld be better dayly, for the people the leger they liue the lesse syght they haue, therefore youre craft should be the better. And than saide howleglas to the byshop, my lorde ye say truthe, but there is one thing that destroieth our craft: and if you wil take no displeasure, I shal shewe it to you. And than the byshop bad him say what he woulde. And than sayd he, this destroyeth our craft, ꝑ suche great lordes as you be, kinges, dukes, erles, lordes, byshoppes, knyghtes lawyers, and gouernours of landes and townes, all these looke throughe their fyngers, & not wyth spectacles. They were wont to studye in the olde time the

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eyght :& than behoued the men many spectacles. And also the preestes, were wont to studye and rede their seruice, but nowe they vse no spectacles at all, and by this maner is our craft destroyed, and nought set by. And by heades of the countrey, that poore men of the countrey lerne al to looke thorowe their handes that they be almost as cunning, as the heades of the countrey. Than the bishop vnderstode the text, but not the glose, & he spake to Howleglas & said, come wyth me to Frankforde, and I shal geue vnto the my harnes, or clothing, and thā was Howleglas very glad, and he wente with the bishoppe to Frankforde, where the Emperoure was chosen: & whan the triumphe was done: than the bishop gaue him that that he promised him, and than was he glad, and he went with the bishop, and so he retourned agayne to Sassen.

Howe Howleglas was hyred of a marchaunt to be his cooke.

At Helderslew dwelled a marchaunt, that on a time went walking without the towne, and as he walked: he founde Howleglas lying on a grene hyl. Than asked the marchaunt Howleglas what he was & howleglas answered vnder his couered falsenesse, I am a cooke, and without a maister. Thā said the marchaunte: If you will be a good seruaunte, I wyll hyre you, and geue vnto you wages, I haue a cooke at home: but my wyfe complayneth on hym alwaye. Than promised Howleglas the marchaunte to be true to him. Thā asked the marchaūt his name, than answered Howleglas, my name is Bar, tho, lo, me, us. Than saide the marchaunte, that name is all to longe: youre name shall be Dyle, than sayd Howleglas, I holde me contented therewith. Than

the marchaunt. Dole my man, nowe let vs go gether some herbes for young chekins, for to morow I must haue gestes to dyner: and than went they home to his place together. And whan the marchauntes wyfe sawe Howleglas she asked her husbande: what wall we do with this man, wen you that your bread moulders: Than sayde the marchaunt. Be content wyfe, this shall be your mā for he is a coke. Than called he his man and sayd. Dole take a basket and folowe me to the fleche shambles, and so he dyd. And whan they were there the markchaunt bought meate for to roste and whan he came home, he called his man and sayd Dole to morowe lay the meat to the fyre, and roste it coldlyp ye burne it not: and Howleglas said he wold and than he arose in the morninge, and brought the meate by the fyre, and he toke the meate that he shold roste and put it on the spytte, & bere it downe into the seller, and he layde it betwene twoo barelles of bere, that it shold lye colde ynough, and burne not. And because ỹ marchaunt shold haue gestes, he came home before to see whether that his meate was well rosted or not. And whan he came home, he called Dole, and asked hym, if that the meate was redy: and Howleglas answered, ye maister all saue the rosting. Where haste thou doone it: beneth in the seller, betwene twoo barrelles, for in all the house could I not finde so cold a place to lay it in for burnyng. The marchaunt sayd is it not rosted and Howleglas sayde nay, for I dyd as ye bad me, I laide it colde ynough for I knewe not the tyme that you wouldе haue had it rosted: and as they were talking together came in the gestes, and the marchaunt tolde to his gestes how that Howleglas

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had serued him, and they laughed therat, but his wife was not content therwith, and right gladly she wold haue bene rede of hym, & very angry she was because of that touche. Than said the marchaunt to his wyfe Be contented at this tyme, for to morowe I muste to Hoslacr, and he shall wayte on me: and whan I shall come home agayne, than shall I put hym awaye fro hence: and than went the marchaunt with his gestes to dyner and made good chere and at nyght called the marchaunt his man and sayde. Wole make the wagē redy, for to morow I am in thought, I and my prist to take our Journey to Hoslacr, and grease it that it may go trym: and than went Howleglas and greased the wagen within and without, and in the morynge went the marchaunt and the prieste to the wagen, and rode there waye: and by the waye, the prieste layde his hande on the rayles of the carte, and they made hys handes all greasy, and than he looked better, and both the marchaunt and the prieste were al arayed w̄ grese. Than they called Howleglas, and they bad him see, & very angry they were with hym, & in the meane tyme came there a mā of of ꝑ countrey with a lode of straw and than they bought parte of his strawe, and dressed their wagen therwith for fylyng of their clothes, and than they went into the wagen agayne, than said the marchaunt all angerly. Go drive it vnder ꝑ galowes and as he was a litle further he spyed a galowes, and thyther drove he the wagen vnder the galowes: and whan it was vnder the galowes, he made the wagen to standestyll, and he vntyed the horse. Than sayd the marhaunt what wyll thou now do: than sayd Howleglas: tary you here all nyght, for ꝑ bad me to drype

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dzyue you vnder the galowes. And whan they see ꝑ they were vnder the galowes: the pzeest laughed, but the marchaũt was very angry, and bad him to dzyue forth right, and neuer to stande styl. Than said howleglas he wolde, than pulled he out a pin that was in the waggen that helde it fast to the horse, & dzoue the horse forth and he left them vnder the galowes. Thã the marchaunt seing that, he lept out of the wagen, & the pzeest with him, and thei ran after him, and at the last they ouer tooke him, & than the marchaunt dzew his swozd and wolde haue smitten him, but the pzeest wolde not suffer him, and than made he fast the horse again, and so he dzaue the Journey to an ende. Whã the marchaunt was come home, his wife asked howe he fared, and how he lyked his man: he answered not of the best. Thã he called howleglas, and he bad him tary there that night, and in the morning, to departe fro thence, for he said he was but a begyler, and a deceiuer wherfoeuer he went. Than sayde Howleglas: good maister that shal I do: And than arose howleglas early in the morning, & as he was vp: the marchaunt sayd. Eate and dzinke your bely full, and ryd the house of you, that I finde you not here whan that I come again, for I must to church, and whan I retourne, if I finde you here, stand to ꝑ that shalbe fal. And howleglas helde his peace, and spake neuer a word to him, & than the marchaunt went to churche. Than he began for to ryd al the houshold guffe and bare it into the strete, than worde cam vnto his maister to the church, ꝑ al his houshold stuffe stode in the strete. Than came the marchaunte home, & sawe that it was howleglas that had borne out all his stuffe,

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he asked his mā why he did so: and Howleglos sayd: I did as you bad me: for you bad me ẏ I sholde ryd your house, and so I haue of al your stuffe, ẏ ye haue Than sayd the marchaūt to Howleglas departe frō hence, and com no more here, I geue ẏ warnyng for here is no body that thankes the for thy labour. And than departed Hawleglas his way: and so was the marchaunt fayne to cary in his gere again that howleglas had borne out.

¶ Howe Howleglas was desyred to dyner

IN Lubenborough dwelled a flute maker that knewe vacabundes by syght. And on a tyme it fortūed him to spy Howleglas, to whom he said. To morow I desyre you, to dine with me. Than Howleglas thanked him, and he said ẏ he wold. And thā departed ẏ flute maker, and on ẏ morow at none Howleglas went to ẏ pype makers house, & whan he was ther, ẏ dores wer shit. And he taried til none was past & thā he knew wel ẏ he was greatly deceiued, & so he returned home a gain. And on ẏ morning as he walked in ẏ market, he spied ẏ pipe maker: and thā went he to him, & thanked him for his diner, & he said whā ye byd a body to diner, ye shyt al your dores. And the pype maker said, I bad you come to diner. Thā said Howleglas your dores wer shyt. Than laughed the pype maker, and saide. Go to my house before, and I shal come after to diner, for ye shall fynde both roste and soden. And than departed Howleglas to ẏ pype makers house, and there he foūde al true as the pipe-maker had tolde him. And than said he to ẏ pype makers wife, ẏ she shold go as fast as she could to her husbande, for he sayde that he had a great sturgion,

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geue him and he said that he would tourne the spit til that she came agayne. The woman said good Howleglas, kepe the house til that I come agayne, and let no body in. Than departed the womā with her maide towardes her husbande as fast as she coulde and met with him by the way. And whā he sawe her: he asked her whether she wēt so faste. And she sayd to help him. For she said that howleglas had tolde her that ye had a sturgion gyuen you, and he said that ye had that we sholde come & helpe you for it was so gret ỹ you were not able to bere it. Than was the mā angry, and said knowe ye not well that Howlegas is surhe a mocker and a deceiuer: thā went he home with his wife, & whan he came home, he knocked at the doze, & Howleglas sayd lette be your knocking, for the hoste hath charged me, that I should let no gest in tyl dynner be done. Than went the host to his neyghbours and taried there til Howleglas had dined, and whan Howleglas had dined, than he opened the dooze, and than the ppye maker, came with all his folke. And whā he was within, he sayd to Howleglas that it was no honesti for a gest to shit his hostise out of the dozes. And in this maner he serued the hoste, and his hostise.

How howleglas wan a peece of clothe of a man of the countrey.

Howleglas would euer fare well, & make good cheere but he wolde not wozke. Thā on a tyme came he to Olsem, to a goodly company of men of the countrey. And as he walked he espied one man alone, with a grene cloth on his arme, than ymagined he in his minde, how ỹ he might get the cloth. So he came to him, and he asked him wher he was dwelling. And than

than the husband tolde him: and than departed howleglas fro him, & contynently he met with a scottishe preest. And an other knaue & he sayd to them, I desyre you to helpe me, and I shal geue you for your labour, & they said they wolde. Than said howleglas, whā I call you to recorde to know what colour yonder cloth is: ye shal say blewe. I wil go before, & come you after. Than went he to the husband man, & he asked him how he solde his blewe cloth. Than sayd the husbandman that it was greene, & not blewe: I holde xx. gilders against thy clothe, ꝑ it is blew. Than said the husbandmā I holde you. It is done said Howleglas, and the first man that comes hereby, shal be the Iudge thereto. Agreed said the husbandman, & than made Howleglas a signe to the men, ꝑ he had hyred, and they came. Than said the husbandman, we two striue what colour this clothe is, I praye you breake our strife. Than ꝑ felowe said, it is fayre blewe cloth, than said ꝑ husbandmā, ye be to false for me to medle with, for it is made betwixt you two to deceyue me. Than said howleglas because ꝑ ye say we be agreed, let him go, here cometh a preest, wyll ye bee contented what he saith: and the man of the countreye said yis. Than came the preest by, thā said howleglas I pray you to tell vs, what colour this clothe is: the preest sayde, ye see well ynoughe what nede you to aske me. The husbande man sayde I knowe the colour of the clothe well ynough, but these two men say it is an other colour, and therfore we stryue. Than sayde the preest what haue I to do with your striuing: thā said the husbande man. I pray you for departe vs of our stryuinge. Than sayde the preest. I can see no other

but that it is a fayze blew. And than sayd the husbād man, and ye were not a preest, in faythe ye did lye, foz ye be thze false men. But sithen ye be a preest, I must beleue you. And than gaue he Howleglas the clothe, and went his waye. Than did Howleglas with his ii. felowes clothe thē with the husband mans clothe against the wynter. But the good pooze man prayed to god, many a tyme & oft that the deuyll might take them al thzee, foz the pooze man was the wozse al the dayes of his life after that great losse.

¶ How howleglas gaue. xx. gilders to. xii. pooze men foz chzistes loue.

ON a tyme came Howleglas to Hanoner, wher he did many vertuous thinges. On a time rode Howleglas without the town, and as he rode he met with. xii. blind men to whom he sayd, whether wil ye goe? The blind men hearing ỳ he was on hozse backe, they put of their cappes, foz they wende that he had bene a great gentleman, and sayd. We haue bene at a doale of a riche mā, that died yesterday in the towne, Thā said Howleglas. I take great thought foz you how you shall do this winter, foz me thinke you shall freze to death, befoze the winter be done. And than he sayde holde here is. xx. gilders and returne againe al you to the place where that I was lodged, and he named his host, & he bad them make good chere til winter were done. And than they thanked him, foz they thought that he had geuē them mony but he did not. And than departed they to the place, whether he sente them, & they thought ỳ some of the company had the mony. And whā ỳ they came to the Inne, they said to the hostise ỳ by the waye as they went, they met with

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a good mā that gaue the .xx. gilders for gods sake, & he bad vs come hither, and make good chere therfore for he said ꝑ he had ben lodged here, & for his sake we shold haue good chere. Whā the hoste herde that they had mony, he toke them in, & made them good chere. And whan that their .xx. gilders were spent, thā sayd the hoste to them. Now wil you reken good brethren, for now the .xx. gilders be spent. The blynd men sayd we be contented to pay you, and than spake one of the blynd men, and sayde, He that hath twentye gylders paye our hoste. And than said the one to the other. I haue not the twentie gilders. Nor I haue not the .xx gilders. And than some sate and clawed their head, & some clawed their arme. And than they knewe that they were deceiued. Thā thought ꝑ host in his minde what shal I do with them? Shal I let them go, that they spende me no more mony? Nay not so. Thā shyt he the blinde men in the stable, and brought to them hay & straw. And whā ꝑ howleglas thought that all the money was spente: than came he ridinge into the same Inne, where the blynde men were, and he had chaūged his clothing that they shold not know hym, and so entred into the Inne wher ꝑ blind men were, and he led his horse into the stable where ꝑ poore mē were. And whā he had set vp his horse: he cam to his hoste, and asked his hoste wherefore that he had kept the blind mē in the stable, so fast shit in? And he asked him what harme they had done to hym? Thā said the hoste. I would that they were together in the water, so that I had my costes payde me, and than he tolde him all the matter. And than sayd Howleglas. And you had a borowe, woulde you lette them goo. And

the hoste sayd yes with a good wyll. Than said howleglas I wyl go ser, if I cā finde any borowe for the. Than went he to the curate of the churche and sayd. Maister person I haue an hoste, ꝑ this night was taken with the fende, I desyre you for to help him. The curate said with a good wyl, but you must tary .iii. or .iiii. dayes, for it maye not be done in haste: well sayde Howleglas that is well sayd, but I wyl go fetche his wife ꝑ she may here what you say. And the preest said I shal tel to her the same that I tolde to you without fayle. And than went Howleglas home to hys hoste, and he tolde him that he had founde a borowe, & that was the person of the churche, and let youre wife goo with me & she shal here him speke ꝑ same that he hath said to me, and than was his hoste glad, and he sende his wife wt Howleglas to the curate. And whan they were come to ꝑ curate: Howleglas said to him, mayster person here is the wyfe of the man, that I spake of to you, nowe tell her the same that you haue said to me. And the curate said with a good wyl, than said he to the woman, tarye a daye or two: and I shall helpe your husbande well. And than was the woman glad and retourned home againe with Howleglas: & whā she came home: she tolde her husbande what the curate said: whereof the hoste was glad, & he wente into the stable and let the blinde men loose, and they wente theyr way. And thā Howleglas rekened wt his hoste, and so departed from thence, and whan the thyrde daye came: than wente the woman to the preest, and she asked hym .xx. gylders that ꝑ blind mā had spend. The curate asked her, hath your husbād that ye tolde to me: and the woman sayd no. Than said the curate

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that is ẏ false deuyll that wold haue the money. Thā sayd she what false deuyl meanest thou? Geue me my money for my costes: than saide the curate to the woman. It was tolde me that your husband was taken wyth the false deuyl, bring him hether, & I shal helpe him therof by the grace of god: than sayd the woman to the preest, such begylers finde I many. Nowe you should pay me for my costes: you bryng me to a back rekenyng, and you say my husband is taken with the deuil, and that shall you knowe shortly. And than she ran to her husband, and tolde him how the preest said to her, and whan the hoste herd those wordes: he was angry, and toke the spyt with the roste that lay at the fyre, and ran lo the preestes chambre. And whan that the curate spied hym, he was afrayde, and called the neighbours to help him, & he made a signe of the holy crosse before hym, and he cryed for helpe to take that man that was so be set with the deuyll: than sayd the hoste, thou preest pay me my money, & the preest gaue him no answere. Than wold the hoste haue run thorowe him with the hot spit, but the neighbours went betwene them and departed them, and they helde the hoste styl with great paine from mayster person. But as longe as the hoste liued, he asked his money of the preest, for the costes of the blinde men, but the preest answered to him that he ought him naught: & naught he wolde pay him, but saide and you be taken of a deuil, I shal help you therof. But neuer after loued one the other.

¶ How Howleglas feared his host wͭ a dead woulf.

IN ysetleuen dwelled an Inne holder that was very spyteful and mockinge, & he praysed great

lye his boldenesse. Upon a time it befell in the winter season, whan there had bene a greate snowe, Howleglas came ridinge with other three marchauntes fro Masson to ysetleuen, & it was very late or they came there, & whā they were com: they entred into ỳ Inne, that the man kept. Than sayd their hoste angerlye. Where haue you ben so late, it is no time dow to take youre Inne? Than they answered. Be ye not angry, for we haue bene hunted with a woulfe in the snowe, we could not scape til nowe. Than the hoste mocked them, because they .iiii. were hunting of one woulfe, & said, if ther cam .x. woulfes to me in ỳ fielde, I wolde haue slaine thē euerichone, & mocked the marchaūtes til they went to bed. And Howleglas sate by the fyre and herd all together. Thā shold they go to bed. And it fortuned that Howleglas & the marchaūtes shuld lye in one chambre. And whā thei were in the chābre togither: they toke coūsaile together how they might stop their hoste of his mocking. Than said Howleglas, our hoste is ful of mockyng, let me alone I shal pay him well ynoughe, that he shall not mocke vs no more. Than promised the marchauntes to Howleglas to pay all his costes, and geue him more money for his labour. Thā said Howleglas do your Journey, and busynesse of your marchaundyse, and whan ye haue it, com again and lodge at this Inne; and ye shal fynde me here, and than we shal make our host ỳ he shal mocke no more. And thā arose the marchaūts in the morning and called the hoste, & payed hym for their costes, and Howleglas also. Than they tooke their horses, & departed from thence. And whan they were past a lytle, he cryed to the marchauntes, take

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hede that the woulfe byte you not in mockage, They thanked their hoste bycause he gaue them warninge before. And as they rode: Howleglas foũd a woulfe that was frosen to the death, and that he toke vp, and put in a bagge, and layd it before him, and than they retourned agayne to ỹ setleuen, to that Inne where thei wer lodged before. And he kept ỹ woulfe so close that no man knewe therof. And whan the nyght was come, & that they set al at supper: thã their hoste begã to laughe at thẽ, & he resoned against their hardines, & agaynst the woulfe. Than they said so it fortuned at ỹ time. You said ỹ you wold sley. x. woulfes, but first I wold se yon kyl one. And than said ỹ host that should I do alone. And thus they iested, til they wente to bed. And Howleglas held his peace, til that he & the marchauntes went aboue al together in the chambre. And than saide Howleglas to the marchauntes frendes. Let me now begyn to worke and wake you a lytle while. And than whan the host & al his folke were a slepe, than went he pryuely into the chãbre, & he fetched ỹ dead woulfe that was styffe frosen, & dressed him wt stickes & put two childrẽ showne in his mouth, and made him stand as though he had ben aliue. And than left he the woulfe stãding in the hall, & he cam again into the chãbre to the marchaũtes, and whan he was aboue, he & the marchauntes called their hoste. And theyr hoste asked them, what they wold haue. Thã answered thei to him, that they wolde haue some drinke, for they had so great thyrst, that they must nedes drinke. Lette youre mayde or man bryng vs some, and we wyll paye for it to morowe. Than waxed the hoste angrye and sayd.

This is the Sassons maner, for to drinke both daye and night. And than he called his maide, and bad her that she shuld geue the marchauntes drinke. And thā the maide rose, & as she went to light a cādel: she saw the woulfe with .ii. choone in his mouthe. Than she was afrayde and ran to the garden, for she thought that he had eaten both the childzen, than called they a gayne. Than called the hoste his man, and bad him a rise and bere the Sassons drinke. Than arose he and lighted a candle, for he wende that ꝑ maide had slepte styl. Than loked he aside and sawe the woulfe stand, he was afrayde, and he thought that the woulfe had eaten the maide, and let fal the cādle and ran into the seller. Than called Hawleglas and the marchauntes the third time, and prated that he him self wold bring them some drinke, for they said there came no bodye, or elis geue them a candel, and they wold drawe it thē selfe. Than arose the hoste him self, for he wende that his man and his maide were fallen aslepe again, and than lighted he a candel, and whan he that had done, he looked aside and spied the woulfe: and he was so afrayde, that he fell vnto the grounde and than arose he and cried to the marchauntes, & he prayed thē for to come helpe him, for there was a woulfe, that had eaten bothe his man & his maide. And this herde the mayde in the garden, and the man in the seller, & cam to helpe their maister, & the marchauntes also. And Howleglas laughed at this hardy man, that woulde haue slaine .x. woulfes, and he was made afrayde of one dead woulfe. And whan ꝑ hoste sawe that it was done in mockage: than was he ashamed, and he wyst not what for to say. And thā left he his hostinge, and

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Jesting, and went to bed againe. And on the morow it was knowen through the towne wherof the hoste was sore ashamed. And than in the morning arose ꝑ marchauntes and payed their costes, & Howleglas also, and rode their way. And than neuer after prayse the hoste his manhode.

¶ Howe Howleglas sleed a hounde, and gaue the skyn for halfe his dyner.

ON a tyme came Howleglas verye late into an Inne where the hoste was not at whome, but only ꝑ hostise, this hostise had a blod hound, ꝑ which she loued very well, and as she had nothing to do, she toke the hounde on her lappe, and played with him: and Howleglas sate by the fyre drynkinge a potte of bere, and the hostise had taught her hound to drynke bere in a dysshe, and as Howleglas was drinkyng of his bere, the hounde fawned on him, and wagged his tayle on Howleglas, and than sayd the hostise, geue the hounde some drinke in his dysshe, for that is his meaning, & Howleglas said with a good wyl: & than gaue he the hounde often to drynke, and he gaue him also parte of al thinge that was on the table, that the hounde was as ful as he might be, & than went he & layde him downe stretchinge hym by the fyre, & with in a while Howleglas had eaten ynough, & than asked he his hostise, if she wold reken, and she said yes. Than asked he his hostise yf she had had a geste, that had eaten her meate, and drunken her drynke should pay nothing, wold ye be content therwith. Than ment the hostise that he had ment him selfe, & thought not of her hounde. Than said she to him good frend, here is no man that eateth here, but he payeth money or a

Howleglas said I am content therwith to pay my part and the other must pay his parte. And than went the hostise into her chãbre for to do her busynes. And thã tooke howleglas the hounde vnder his gowne, and went into the stable, and flayed of his skyn. And than came he againe to his hostise ỹ sate by the fire, and he had the houndes skyn vnder his gowne: and thã called howleglas for a reckenyng, whan she had reckened, he gaue her halfe therof. Thã asked she him who shold geue to her ỹ other halfe? Thã sayd howleglas chose you there is my parte, ye had another gest that went away and payed nothyng and he eate & dranke as well as I dyd, lette hym pay the other halfe of the mony. Than said the hostise, what gest was that, and what pledge had he to geue? Than sayde howleglas, the best coate that he hathe on. Than drew he out the dogges skyn, and sayde to his hostise, here is the best coate that ỹ gest hath. And whã she sawe her dogges skyn: than spake she very angerly, and cursedly, where fore haue ye fleid my hound? Than sayde howleglas, let alone your banning and your cursing in this maner, for it is your faute, for ye bad to me that I shold geue to your hounds meate and drynk, and I told to you that the gest had no mony, & ye said that ye wold not trust him, but that ye wold haue a pledge or money to paye for his costes: so haue I brought to you the best coate that he hath for a pledge. Thã was the hostise more angry, & sayd: Go out of my house horlipe, and neuer come here more within my dores. Thã sayd howleglas. Shall I go out of your dores? naye but I shal ryde out of your dores. Than tooke he his sadell and sadled his horse, & lyght on hym. And or he

departed fro thence, he saide to his hostyse. Kepe well your pledge, ꝑ ye may haue your mony. And within a while I shall come vnto you vnbydden. And if I dryncke not of your dryncke: than nede I not to paye nothyng. And than departed he from thẽce, and rode his waye.

¶ How Howleglas serued the same hostise an other tyme, and how that he lay on a whele.

WIthin a whyle after came howleglas to Stafforde, in the same Inne where he had ben lodged before; and he had done other clothes on, because that his hostise should not knowe him. And whan he was come into the Inne, he spyed a whele lye therby: and thã he alighted and came and layde him theron, and bad his hostise good morowe. And he asked her, if she herde any newes of howleglas? And she sayde nay, what should I here of him? I cannot suffer hym to be named Howleglas, what harme hath he don to you, that ye may not here speke of him? He is a knaue in dede, I neuer herde tel yet ꝑ he came in any place, but or he departed he did some shrewde touche. Than sayd the hostise that is truthe. For it is but. viii. daies agone that (for the great chere that I made to hym) lyke a traytour he keyed my hounde, and he gaue me the skyn for my meate and dryncke. Than sayde howleglas that was a knauyshe touche. And the woman sayd therfore shal he come to an euil ende. Than sayd Howleglas. Is this all his rewarde? It is not. iiii. houres agone sithen I sawe hym lye vpon a whele. Than sayd the hostise if I had knowen that, I shold haue bette him with a staffe, that I sholde haue broken some of his ribbes, for that he hathe done to me.

And than arose Howleglas and sayd let be your anger, for when I spake to you he lay vpon the whele. And nowe adewe I come not here agayne.

¶ Howe Howleglas set his hostise vpon the hote asshes with her bare arse.

AS howleglas was come fro Rome, he came to an Inne, where his host was not at home. And whan he was within, he asked his hostise if that she knewe not Howleglas, and the hostise sayd naye: but I here say that he is a false deceiuer and begiler, than sayde howleglas wherefore saye ye so, ye knowe him not, than sayd the hostise ꝑ is truthe, but I haue herde speke much of his vnhappinesse, than said howleglas: good woman he hathe doone to you neuer no harme, wherefore saunder ye him for the woordes of other people, the hostise sayd: I saye no other of hym, than the people do. For I haue herd him be spoken of manye of my gestes, that haue lodged here. Than held howleglas his peace, and spake no more tyll in the morning, and thā spred he abrode the hote asshes on the harthe, and than tooke he the hostise out of her slepe, & set her there on with her bare arse, and so was his hostise well brenned, than sayde he to her. Nowe may ye say boldely, that ye haue sene the false deceiuer and begyler howleglas: than cried ꝑ hostyse for helpe and lowred vpon hym. Than went he out of her dores and said to her. Shold not men correct & represse saunderers and backbyters, that saye it of men, and neuer sawe them, nor neuer had done harme to them. yes it is a charitable thyng to do. And than tooke he his horse and departed fro thence.

¶ How howleglas serued a holāder w a rosted aple.

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Upon a tyme came Howleglas to Hādwarpe to an Inne, where was many holanders merye. And he brought with him. ii. egges whiche he rosted for to eate, for he was sicke & could eate no flesshe. And this seyng a holander sayde. Ye Thomme of the countrey, wyll not your hostise mete serue you, but þ ye must bring meate with you. Wene ye that ye shold haue no meate heare: and with those wordes, he toke the egges and supped them vp: and whā he had done, he gaue to howleglas the shelles, and sayde to hym: holde here is the borne, the relykes be gone, and than laughed al the gestes at that touche, and howleglas also, and in the euenynge fetched howleglas a fayre apple and cut out al the core therof, and put therein a strong purgacion, and rosted the apple in the fire, and than tooke howleglas the apple and cutte it in pieces vpon his trenchour, & strawed theron poudre of gynger, and set it vpon the table, and went from the table as though he wold haue gone and fetched more. And as sone as howleglas had tourned his backe, the holander tooke the apple and eate it in great haste. And by and by he fell to parbrakynge, and cast vp all that was within him, and he was very sicke thereof, that the hoste and al the gestes wende that he should haue dyed of the apple. And than sayde howleglas to the gestes: be not afrayde of hym for it is but a lytle purgacion, þ I haue geuen him, he was to hasty to eate the aple so sone, I shold haue warned him therof. For the rosted apls could not suffer the rere egges in his mawe, but that they must nedes come out again: and than the gestes made good chere and laughed. And whan the purgation had wrought all that it woulde and that the holander was amended, he sayd to how-

leglas. Eate and drynke what soeuer ye wyll, for I wyl neuer eate with your moze.

How Howleglas made a woman that solde erthen pottes, to smytte them all in pieces.

Upon a tyme tooke Howleglas his iorney to Bremen, to the byshop ꝑ loued hym wel. For at al times he dyd some mad touche, wherat he made the byshop to laughe. Than on a tyme as the byshop and Howleglas wer a walkynge: the byshop desyred of him, ꝑ he wold do some mery Iest, but Howleglas went talking to himselfe as though he had sayd his pater noster, and answered not to the byshop. But at the last he sayd to hym I praye the to see some newes And he sayd he wold. But he prayed ꝑ byshop to tarry a whyle. And he gaue hym sylence. And in the meane whyle went Howleglas to a womā ꝑ had erthen pottes to sel in ꝑ market, the which pottes he bought on a condicion, that whā he made a sygne to her: thā she shold smite al ꝑ pottes in pieces. And she grauntep to him. And than he payed her & returned to the bishop. And whan he was come, the bishop asked him where he had ben: And Howleglas said. I was at church. He sayd my lord go with me into the market. And so he dyd. And whan they wer there, Howleglas sayde to the byshop. See you ꝑ woman with the erthen pottes: I shal stande here still by you, and speake neuer a worde: & yet shal I make her to smite her pottes al in pieces. Thā sayd the bishop I hold the xxx gildens that thou shalt not do it. And Howleglas dyd holde the xxx. gildens with the bishop. And than went they into the towne house, & there they tarryed. And than

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cried, and called the woman, & at the laste made he the sygne to her that was made betwene them. And than toke she a staffe, and smyt upon the pottes so long till that she had broken them euerichone, so that the byshop and all they that were in the market place did laugh therat. And as the byshop was come home than called he Howleglas asyde unto him, and sayde Tell me shortly what thynge ye dyd to the woman, y^t ye made her take a staffe, and smyte all their pottes to peces, and than shal I geue unto you the xxx. gildens Than said Howleglas to the byshop. My lorde I dyd it not with sorcery nor witchecraft, but I had payd ye woman before for her pottes, & we were both agreed And than laughed the byshop therat, and gave unto Howleglas xxx. gildens, and he made hym to swere on a boke, that he should not shewe no body ye thinge & he sayde he would geue hym a fat oxe. Than sayd Howleglas, that thing shall I do with a good wyll, & speke neuer a woorde. And than departed Howleglas fro thence, and he let the byshop do what he would And than went the byshop, that whan he shulde make a sygne to her, than shoulde she smyte the earthen pottes all in pieces, and this was the cunnynge that than Howleglas dyd. Than were all their nobles asha-med and angry in theire mynde wyth the byshop, but they durst not speake one woorde but clawed theyre heades, whan that they sawe theyr fatte oxen before their face that they had geuen to the byshop for that foolysh deede. But after they comforted them selfe agayne, and sayde. He is oure Lorde and mayster, and yf that he had asked the oxen for nought, wee would haue geuen them to hym, and Howleglas

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